

# Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program And Research Center at Fort Belvoir

## COMMANDER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR REFRACTIVE SURGERY

Corneal refractive surgical procedures are designed to reduce the need or dependence on glasses or contact lenses in people with nearsightedness, farsightedness and some types of astigmatism. Refractive surgery has been shown to significantly enhance the mission capabilities of service members whose duties are in operational environments where the use of glasses or contacts may adversely affect their mission performance.

<b>Service member full Name:</b>	<b>Service member email:</b>
<b>ARMY</b>	<b>NAVY/ USMC/ USCG</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Must have >18 months remaining on active duty on day of surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Must have >12 months remaining on active duty on day of surgery
MOS: <b>Deploying within 12 months:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> / No <input type="checkbox"/>	Patient's Priority Level: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Commander's Full Name (Print):	
<b>Commander Signature/</b> Digital Signature:	Date:
CO's email:	

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<b>1.</b> I give my permission for the following active duty soldier to be considered for enrollment in the Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program (WRESP) and for treatment if eligible. I acknowledge this soldier is required to complete 1,3,6 and 12-month <b>FOLLOW-UP EXAMS</b> required by the WRESP program. Or if deploying before the 6-month exam is due, they are required to complete the 1- and 3-month exams and then return to Fort Belvoir, or co-managing optometry clinic for a post-operative exam at the completion of their deployment.	<b>PRIORITY 1</b> (Highest priority): This category is restricted to only those personnel whose military duties, without question, require them to frequently and regularly work in extreme physical environments that preclude the safe use of spectacles or contact lenses, or where their use has a high probability of compromising mission performance.
<b>2.</b> I certify the following to be true: A) the soldier has at least <b>18</b> months remaining on <b>ACTIVE DUTY</b> . B) The soldier has no adverse personnel actions pending including medical boards. C). The soldier will remain <b>CONUS</b> and is <b>NON-DEPLOYABLE</b> for at least <b>90 DAYS</b> post-surgery.	<b>PRIORITY 2:</b> This category identifies personnel whose military duties require them to frequently work in adverse physical environments, where personal safety and mission performance make the use of spectacles or contact lenses impractical, but not necessarily incompatible.
<b>3.</b> I realize that after refractive surgery the soldier will be on <b>CONVALESCENT LEAVE</b> up to <b>96 HOURS</b> and will have the following <b>PHYSICAL PROFILE</b> for a minimum of <b>30 DAYS</b> , but possibly up to 90 days in a small number of patients (<10%): A). No parachuting, diving, night operations or driving military vehicles. B). No field, range or other duties involving strenuous activity including APFT.C) No swimming, protective mask use, or use of camouflage face paint. D).Needs to wear sunglasses at all times.	<b>PRIORITY 3:</b> This category identifies personnel whose military duties do not typically expose them to extreme physical environments, but there is a reasonable expectation that the member may periodically meet the criteria for priority 2.
<b>4.</b> I acknowledge that <b>NATIONAL GUARD</b> and <b>RESERVE</b> soldiers are <b>NOT</b> eligible for treatment unless they have been activated and have at least <b>18 MONTHS ACTIVE DUTY</b> remaining at their time of surgery.	<b>PRIORITY 4:</b> This category identifies personnel whose military duties rarely expose them to extreme physical environments and where there is no reasonable expectation of being assigned to work environments that would make spectacle or contact lens use difficult.
<b>5.</b> Failure to attend any scheduled surgery related appointments will disqualify this soldier from future WRESP treatment. Additionally, failure to comply with the post-operative care requirements may affect future enrollments from the soldier's unit.	